

**6486. Adulteration of tomato paste. U. S. \* \* \* v. 660 Cases \* \* \* of Tomato Paste. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 8838. I. S. No. 11743-p. S. No. C-808.)

On March 1, 1918, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 660 cases, each containing 200 cans of tomato paste, alleging that the article had been shipped on November 27, 1917, by Taormina & Co., Moneta, Calif., and transported from the State of California into the State of Illinois, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On May 18, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

J. R. RIGGS, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*